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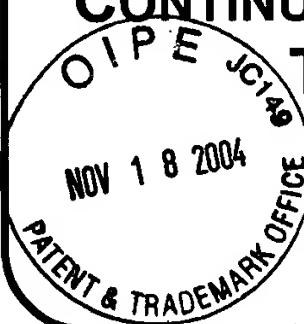
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/658,840
<i>Filing Date</i>	September 8, 2000
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<i>Art Unit</i>	2178
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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on May 10, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other: Consider the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed May 10, 2004.
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
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 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b. Other _____

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